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compulsion to send boys to the schools. Our difficulty just now is to find space for the boys who come for admission. Compulsory education is needed for places where people are backward and unwilling. There can hardly be any need for it here.

Measures for the advancement of the Malayalam Language and Literature.

Mr. A. Palpu, B. A. (Member, Nominated) stated that it was the duty of every State to promote its Vernacular. Literature, for the language of a people represented its genius. The progress of the people was consistent with the patriotic development of the literature of the mother-tongue, as was the case with the German Empire and more prominently with Japan. Travancore was the largest political unit where Malayalam was the prevailing tongue, and as such, it was only just that Malayalam Literature should make its first claim on the State and that the claim should be generously admitted by the Government. In the opinion of the Member, two requirements had to be kept in view in the State encouragement of Malayalam. They were (1) to preserve whatever in it was best and most characteristic of its tradition and culture, and (2) to adapt it successfully to modern requirements and to bring it into line with the altered habits, ideals and lines of thought of the people. To realize these two objects, the Member suggested that (*a*) the classics of Malayalam should be published in good editions, (*b*) conspicuous literary work in Malayalam, should be rewarded by the State in appropriate ways, (*c*) a search should be made for old Malayalam manuscripts and works, and they should be published when obtained, (*d*) a central Malayalam library of books and manuscripts should be founded and maintained, (*e*) grants-in-aid should be given for the publication of works adapting Malayalam to modern purposes, and (*f*) the publication of a Malayalam-Malayalam Dictionary on approved philological and phonetic lines, embracing not merely the written but the spoken tongue also, including archaic, colloquial, vulgar and dialectical variations of the language.

The Member also suggested that a Committee of Malayalam Literature be appointed to advise the Government in the above matters.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

60. Admission should be given to the Ealavas in schools without regard to caste or creed, just as the Christians and Mahomedans who have been given these privileges.

Mr. Untaman Krishnan (Member, Nominated) stated that the Ealavas were not admitted in some of those schools which had been opened to them by the Government Notifications. As an instance, the Member cited the case of a girls' school at Puthiakavoo in Machanthurithu Muri, Vadakekara Proverthy. The complaint of the Ealavas in this matter did not meet with a favourable reply and they were directed to seek

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